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| S. Basic National Fee. Indication of Small Entity Status. |
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| Priority Document. |
| The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any. |
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